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SUBJECT: BLACK HEBREWS

REF: STATE 309208\

1. PARA 5 OF REFTTEL URGES EMBASSY TO CONTINUE MAKING
AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO ASSIST IN THE DOCUMENTATION AND
REPATRIATION OF EX-BLACK HEBREWS WHO WISH TO RETURN TO
THE U.S. FORTUNATELY, WE HAVE SO FAR NOT BEEN FACED
WITH MORE THAN AN IRREGULAR TRICKLE OF DEFECTORS. HOWEVER,
IN VIEW OF THE UNCERTAIN AND POSSIBLY DETERIORATING
SITUATION OF THE PHC, WE MUST BE PREPARED FOR THE
POSSIBILITY OF AN INCREASE IN 'DROP OUTS' FROM THE
COMMUNITY.

2. WE SUSPECT THAT THE MAJORITY OF BH DEFECTORS WISHING
TO RETURN TO THE U.S. WILL NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN
ADDITION TO DOCUMENTATION. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE
EMBASSY TO MAINTAIN ANY SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF RETURNEES
IF PROCESSING IS LENGTHY.

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3. THEREFORE, IN ORDER TO ENSURE MAXIMUM COORDINATION
AND EFFICIENCY IN THE PROCESSING OF "DEFECTORS", THE
EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT TAKE ANY SPECIAL
STEPS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT ALL OFFICES INVOLVED GIVE
PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO BH CASES.

4. CASES OF FORMER U.S. CITIZENS ENTITLED TO IMMIGRANT
VISAS ALSO CREATE PROBLEMS SINCE THE EMBASSY INVARIABLY
BECOMES INVOLVED IN TRYING TO FIND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR
THEM AND ASSIST THEM IN MAKING FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS
EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT OUR OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO DO
SO. IN THE PAST THE BAPTIST VILLAGE, NEAR TEL AVIV, HAS
BEEN EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN PUTTING UP OCCASIONAL NON-AMCIT
DEFECTORS WHO WERE AWAITING IV PROCESSING. HOWEVER, WE
CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT CONTINUE TO RELY UPON THEIR SCARCE
RESOURCES AND GOOD WILL. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE
THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE AND THOUGHTS REGARDING THE
HUMANITARIAN, LEGAL, FINANCIAL AND PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS

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